

Flood Control District has worked resolutely for over 50 years to create programs such as "Clean Storm Water" that seek to educate the community on the importance of water resource management and the prevention of pollution to help protect and preserve groundwater supplies for the future. Moreover, many of its policies on outsourcing construction, professional services and maintenance of certain facilities have not only helped the flooding problems, but also have created countless local jobs as well.

The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has had long standing and effective working partnerships with State and Federal agencies such as the California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agency and its partners have created a successful model for cooperative interagency planning, management, and execution of local public works projects among the Fresno Irrigation District, County of Fresno, City of Fresno and the City of Clovis. Moreover, it has greatly enhanced the safety and quality of life in the Fresno and Clovis areas.

For all its efforts, I would like to commend the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. The organization has tirelessly worked to meet the flood control, drainage and water resource management needs of its constituency; while adhering to high standards of performance, environmental sensitivity, economic efficiency and maximization of public benefit. On this special occasion I would like to extend congratulations to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District on its milestone 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER TWO CHRISTOPHER B.
DONALDSON

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Chief Warrant Officer Two Christopher B. Donaldson who was recently killed in a helicopter crash during combat operations fighting for freedom in Kunar Province, Afghanistan.

Donaldson was a 28-year-old from Effingham, Illinois and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, New York. He was a 1995 graduate from Effingham High School in Effingham, IL. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge and the Army Aviator Badge.

Donaldson paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is survived by his mother, Lynne Donaldson of Effingham; his father, William Donaldson of Beecher City and many other family, friends and loved ones. I am proud of the service this young man gave to his country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Chief Warrant Officer Two Donaldson. It is soldiers like him that are risking their lives day in and

day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. God bless them and may God continue to bless America.

TRIBUTE TO OWOSSO MASONIC
LODGE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise tomorrow, Friday, May 12, 2006, to congratulate all the members of the Owosso Masonic Lodge as they celebrate the 150th anniversary since the founding of the lodge.

Since its establishment, the lodge has built a storied tradition of service and charity. This tradition of support to the residents of Michigan continues today through activities including the Special Olympics and support for the local police and fire departments and youth programs. The Owosso Masonic Lodge should be proud of their accomplishments, and I commend their dedication to the community for the last 150 years.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I applaud the Owosso Masonic Lodge for this outstanding achievement.

HONORING MR. LINDSLEY
FRENETTE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of an extraordinary man who has dedicated his life to serving and bettering his community.

Mr. Lindsley Frenette started his public service career in 1953, when he began serving as Doyle Township Supervisor. For 13 years, he served in that capacity before he was elected Schoolcraft County Board Commissioner in 1966.

Not only has Mr. Frenette made his community a better place through 52 years of involvement with local government, but he has spent decades working to improve mental health in Michigan.

As a co-founder of the Schoolcraft County Community Mental Health program and its successor agency, the Hiawatha Community Mental Health Authority, he has helped to provide mental health services to many people who would otherwise not have had access to them. In addition to creating these agencies Mr. Frenette helped grow and sustain them, spending 33 years on the Schoolcraft County Mental Health Board.

Mr. Frenette also spent many years on the Legislative Committee for the Michigan Association of County Mental Health Boards. In that capacity he played a key role educating state and federal legislators about the importance of mental health. My own father spent a number of years serving alongside Mr. Frenette on the Mental Health Board and he had nothing but good things to say about Mr. Frenette and his dedication.

By all reports, Mr. Frenette is not only a devoted public servant, but a genuinely kind person who is concerned about the welfare of his fellow citizens.

Together he and his wife Guerda raised seven children and saw the arrival of many grandchildren.

On Friday, Lindsley Frenette will be honored by friends, family and colleagues for his 33 years of service as a Community Mental Health Board member. While he is not retiring, the people closest to him decided it was time to come together and pay tribute to Mr. Frenette.

Mr. Speaker, that recognition is truly deserved. I join Mr. Frenette's friends and family in wishing him and his family all the best, in saluting him for his years of service and in wishing him the best for his many future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO EDDY ARNOLD

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to take a moment today to honor Eddy Arnold on his 88th birthday.

I'm fortunate enough to call him a friend and neighbor, but like so many Americans, I'm also a fan of his wonderful musical talent.

Raised on a Tennessee farm, the "Tennessee Plowboy" started playing guitar at ten and he's been entertaining us all ever since.

He shattered the country and pop charts with 28 number one hits. And he proved that a beautiful song never gets old with hits like "You Don't Know Me."

Eddy's songs spanned 5 decades. Whether you saw him at the Grand Ole Opry, watched Eddy Arnold Time on television, or heard one of his songs just the other day on the radio—there's no mistaking that Eddy Arnold is an American icon and we wish him all the best on his birthday.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS FROM
SADDLE BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate four outstanding students from Saddle Brook Middle School in my district: Ursula Kapinos, Heather Kuehnle, Ashley LaRose, and Kasia Truskowska. This team of girls was recently named the national winners of the Christopher Columbus Awards competition, a science and technology program for middle school students, for their invention called the Auto-MAT-ic. As the winners of the competition, the girls received a \$25,000 award to further develop their prize winning invention.

The dedication that Ursula, Heather, Ashley, and Kasia have demonstrated to this project is a true testament to the excellent work that is being done in New Jersey public schools. After learning that 1.6 million senior citizens are treated in emergency rooms for injuries caused by falls in the home and that